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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:	)	Examiner: W. Bashore
HUMPLEMAN <i>et al.</i>	)	
	)	Group Art Unit: 2176
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A	)	
HOME NETWORK AUTO-TREE BUILDER	)	
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Application No.: 09/709,781	)	
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Filed: November 3, 2000	)	
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**INTERVIEW SUMMARY OF**  
**INTERVIEW HELD ON JULY 26, 2005**

MS RCE  
Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby files this paper to document the Examiner Interview of July 26, 2005 between Examiner William Bashore and Michael Zarrabian (Reg. No. 39,886) in the above-referenced patent application. In the interview the differences between the limitations of Claim 13 and the reference Suzuki, "Teleoperation of multiple robots through the Internet", 5<sup>th</sup> IEEE International Workshop on Robot and Human Communications, November 11-14, 1996, pages 84-89, were discussed.

Applicant argued that Suzuki does not teach or suggest a method for providing an interface for accessing devices that are currently connected to a home network. Applicant further argued that Suzuki does not disclose: creating a top menu of devices, displaying the top

menu on a display device for a user to individually select each listed device, and displaying a user interface for a selected device for a user to activate said controllable function. It was also discussed that Suzuki does not generate a list of robots as a menu, from which an operator can select individual robots for control of a robot. The Examiner stated that he will consider the arguments in reviewing the case.

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